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Application of

Nathan S. Lewis et al.

Application No.: 09/905,157

Filing Date: July 12, 2001

Title: ELECTRICAL PASSIVATION OF SILICON-CONTAINING SURFACES USING ORGANIC LAYERS

Group Art Unit: 2813

Examiner: Heather Anne Doty

Confirmation No.: 2732

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
 Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$65.00 (2814) \$130.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
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- Small entity status is hereby claimed.
 Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$395.00 (2801) \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
 Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
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for which continued examination is requested.

- Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
 A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- No additional claim fee is required.
- An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	39	MINUS 53 =	0	x \$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	5	MINUS 5 =	0	x \$200.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$360.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0.00

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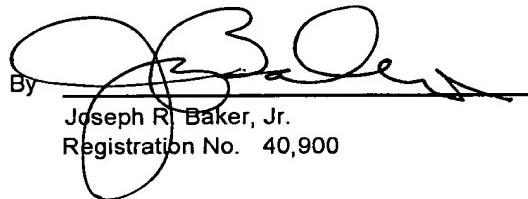
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Respectfully submitted,

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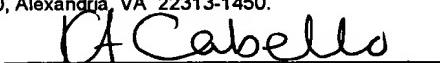
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This application is being filed on the first business day following January 15, 2006. January 15, 2005 was a Sunday, and January 16, 2005, was a National Holiday. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed. In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: